## **Legal Blotter**

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# 31st Fighter Wing Office of the Staff Judge Advocate (31 FW/JA)

#### **Courts-Martial**

U.S. v. Amn Nerismacy: An Airman assigned to the 31st Security Forces Squadron was charged with four violations of Article 121, Larceny and Wrongful Appropriation, and one violation of Article 134, Obstruction of Justice. A summary court officer found the Airman guilty of four violations of Larceny and Wrongful Appropriation and one violation of Obstruction of Justice which resulted in a reduction in rank to E-1 and a reprimand.

U.S. v. Amn Lee: An Airman assigned to the 31st Aircraft Maintenance Squadron was charged with three violations of Article 86, Absence without Leave. A summary court officer found the Airman guilty of three violations of Absence without Leave, which resulted in 30 days confinement and a reprimand.

#### **Article 15 Actions (Non-Judicial Punishment)**

An Airman Basic assigned to the 31st Aircraft Maintenance Squadron received forfeiture of \$765 pay per month for 2 months, restriction to base for 60 days, and a reprimand for one violation of Article 134, Drunkenness: Incapacitation for Performance of Duties.

An Airman assigned to the 31st Munitions Squadron received a reduction in rank to E-1, forfeiture of \$765 pay per month for 2 months, 30 days of extra duty and a reprimand, for one violation of Article 92, Willful Dereliction of Duty and one violation of Article 121, Wrongful Appropriation.

An Airman First Class assigned to the 31st Aircraft Maintenance Squadron received a reduction in rank to E-1, 45 days of extra duty, and a reprimand for one violation of Article 111, Drunken Operation of a Vehicle.

An Airman First Class assigned to the 31st Security Forces Squadron received a reduction in rank to E-2 (suspended), 15 days extra duty, forfeiture of \$858 per month for 2 months and a reprimand, for one violation of Article 113, Misbehavior of a Sentinel.

A Senior Airman assigned to the 31st Maintenance Squadron received a reduction in rank to E-3, forfeiture of \$959 (suspended) and a reprimand, for one violation of Article 91, Disrespect of an NCO, Article 92, Willful Dereliction of Duty, one violation of Article 95, Resisting Apprehension, and one violation of Article 134, Drunk and Disorderly.

A Senior Airman assigned to the 31st Communications Squadron received a reprimand, for one violation of Article 112, Drunk on Duty.

A Senior Airman assigned to the 31st Security Forces Squadron received a reduction in rank to E-3 (suspended), forfeiture of \$250 pay per month for 2 months and a reprimand, for one violation of Article 107, Making a False Official Statement and one violation of Article 134, Dishonorably Failing to Pay Debt.

A Senior Airman assigned to the 31st Security Forces Squadron received a reduction in rank to E-3 (suspended reduction to E-2), 30 days of extra duty and a reprimand for one violation of Article 91, Disrespecting an NCO, violation of Article 95, Resisting Arrest, and violation of Article 134, Communicating a Threat.

#### **Involuntary Discharges**

An Airman Basic assigned to the 31st Security forces Squadron received a General Discharge for a pattern of misconduct.

An Airman First Class assigned to the 31st Comptrollers Squadron received an Honorable Discharge for failure to meet physical performance standards.

A Staff Sergeant assigned to the 31st Force Support Squadron received an Honorable Discharge for failure to meet physical performance standards.

From the 31st Fighter Wing's Office of the Staff Judge Advocate: The Uniform Code of Military Justice authorizes commanders to exercise personal discretion in evaluating each case. Commanders consider the nature of the offense, the record of the servicemember, the needs for good order and discipline, the effect of punishment on the servicemember, and the servicemember's record. Every case is unique and is evaluated independently. The Manual for Courts-Martial reminds us that military law promotes justice, assists in the maintenance of good order and discipline in the armed forces, promotes the efficiency and effectiveness of the military establishment, and strengthens the national security of the United States.